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                       Incrementality, overt agreement, theta-roles and Spec,Head relations in
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   Sommario/riassunto   This is the first volume dedicated to the study of formal features and
                       the expression of arguments within Phase Theory, the latest model of
                       syntactic theorizing within the Minimalist Program. The collection
                       addresses the nature of formal features and their role in the syntactic
                       computation as well as checking mechanisms and configurations. It
                       also investigates theoretical issues underlying the nature of syntactic
                       arguments and their licensing (argument structure at large) and specific
                       grammatical operations involving arguments (abstract and
                       morphological case, empty elements, passivization, negation, and
                       aspect). The chapters presented in this volume provide case studies

from several, typologically unrelated languages. Apart from novel analyses of new as well as well-known facts, the contributions also provide interesting aspects of and challenges for Phase Theory in general, by critically exploring a number of theoretical extensions, proposing new syntactic mechanisms, and sharpening our tools for linguistic analysis.